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SUBJECT: HEALTH HAZARDS OF SKIN DECALS

1. GOTT MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS ASKED EMBASSY FOR URGENT ADVICE ABOUT POSSIBLE HEALTH HAZARDS TO USERS OF TATTOO-LIKE SKIN DECALS MARKETED HERE UNDER BRAND NAME OF "FUNSTICKS." FUNSTIKS ARE REPORTEDLY MANUFACTURED BY A SPANISH FIRM. ACCORDING TO FUNSTIKS DISTRIBUTOR, THESE DECALS HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED AS HARMLESS BY GOVERNMENTS OF SPAIN, PANAMA, COSTA RICA, AND PUERTO RICO.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE URGENT ADVICE AS TO WHETHER THIS PRODUCT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN APPROVED FOR IMPORTATION INTO AND SALE WITHIN THE UNITED STATES AND ANY INFO AVAILABLE ON PRODUCT SAFETY. TRINIDAD MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS CONCLUDED IT DOES NOT HAVE FACILITIES TO ANALYZE FUNSTIK TATTOOS ON TIME BASIS. MATTER IS URGENT BECAUSE LARGE NUMBER OF DECALS HAVE BEEN SOLD IN TRINIDAD FOR USE BY PARTICIPANTS IN CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS UNDERWAY NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 12.
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